

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 24, 2008.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, Our Creator, this morning we turn our thoughts and minds to You, spiritual realities and spiritual values. At the beginning of this workweek, we pray for Your gift of wisdom which enables us to comprehend more clearly and accurately the issues of the moment. Help us to be alert to and aware of the many needs of people in our various districts. If and when there is not a meeting of minds on issues, let our disagreements be on the merits of the matter as well as on our principles. May we be united, especially in this Easter Season, in hearts and minds, in making our communities safe, welcoming, civil and ethical. Inspire us to recognize and respect the dignity and rights of all.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of the House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. O'Flaherty), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Papers from the Senate.

A Bill further regulating the sale and distribution of certain antiques containing mercury (Senate, No. 2555) (on Senate No. 2293), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Regulating volunteer dentistry (Senate, No. 1323) (on a petition);

Relative to the certification of the inspector of buildings and building commissioner in the city of Brockton (Senate, No. 2458) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Restricting the authority of the Holyoke Power & Electric Company and the Holyoke Water Power Company (Senate, No. 2554) (on Senate bill No. 2315);

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A report of the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2033) of Stephen M. Brewer and Christopher J. Donelan for legislation relative to flooding in the town of Orange, and recommending that the same be referred to the Senate committee on Ways and Means,-- accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence, insomuch as relates to the discharge of the committee.

So much of the report of the Massachusetts Dairy Farm Revitalization Task Force (under the provisions of section 17 of Chapter 42 of the Acts of 2007) as relates to:

Establishing the Massachusetts Dairy Farm Linked Loan Deposit (Senate, No. 2548, Appendix B); and

Establishing the Massachusetts State Dairy Promotion Board; (Senate, No. 2548, Appendix C);

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Severally were referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Reports of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to inspections of certain correctional facilities, as follows:

Of the Massachusetts Treatment Center, in the town of Bridgewater;
Of the Old Colony Correctional Center, the town of Bridgewater; and
Of the Worcester County House of Correction and Jail, in the town of West Boylston;
Severally were spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill relative to the financing of environmental facilities in the Commonwealth (House, No. 734). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 1F, to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill making an appropriation for a pilot domestic abuse prevention program (House, No. 97, changed in section 1, in line 23, by striking out the words "and Families" and inserting in place thereof the words ", Families and Persons with Disabilities").

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill providing for the public disclosure of quality indicators for the developmentally disabled (House, No. 869).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill clarifying the investigative powers of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (House, No. 2212).

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on a petition, a Bill to regulate coal ash (House, No. 758).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to reinstate the clean environment fund (House, No. 792).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill amending the conservation restrictions and agricultural preservation statutes (House, No. 798).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 511 and House, No. 816, a Bill to protect and preserve family camping in Massachusetts (House, No. 816).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the operating and management of rights of way (House, No. 886).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Spectacle Island (House, No. 887).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain environmental boating regulations and penalties (House, No. 3831).

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill to establish an electronic system of vital records (House, No. 2054).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to vital records (House, No. 2138).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1229 and House, Nos. 2055, 2154, 2189, 2190, 2201, 2213, 2218, 2224, 2248 and 2253, a Bill relating to the security of the vital records and verification of identity (House, No. 2218).

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By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill to amend retirement benefits for certain employees of the Department of Corrections (House, No. 2765).

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill enhancing the Cultural Facilities Fund (House, No. 3406).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing artist enterprise zones (House, No. 3418).

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on a petition, a Bill relative to veteran-owned small business (House, No. 3726).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on a petition, a Bill relative to controlled substances (House, No. 4434).

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4252, a Bill relative to the cremation of bodies of certain deceased persons (House, No. 4927).

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to allowance increases for retired members of regional retirement systems (House, No. 2461).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Donna L. Monfredo, an employee of the Department of Correction (see House, No. 4571) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,--

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.